

## Announcement

To my customers and patrons:—

I am leaving for New York to-night, to be present at the different exhibitions that will be held in New York, during the week coming, for Spring and Summer models.

Will return about the twenty-fifth of this month.

Sincerely yours,

**Julius L. Weichman**

Ladies' Tailor  
Habit Maker  
and Furrier

111 North Street  
Bennington, Vt.  
Telephone 432-W

## GREEN CUT BONE

—AT—

**McCue's Market**

## WHO DOES YOUR TRUCKING?

I do a general moving, trucking and express business. Coal, stone, and other rubbish moved. Call Phone 459 W.

**M. R. PIERCE**

# MINSTRELS

## KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

### Harte's Theatre

Wednesday Evening, Feb. 23, 1916

Tickets on Sale at Harte Theatre from  
9 A. M. to 10:30 P. M.

# SIMMONS BOILER

## KNOX GELATINE

CHARLES B. KNOX CO.

Johnstown, N. Y., Feb. 12, 1916.

Mr. H. C. Simmons,  
No. Bennington, Vt.

Dear Sir:—

We have your favor enclosing separate bills as we requested. Enclosed find checks to pay same.

The boiler recently installed in the writer's barn is working very good and is entirely satisfactory.

As you know, we have been users of your boilers during the past fifteen years, and at the present time have four in use. All of them work perfectly and give the best of satisfaction.

Yours very truly,

CHARLES B. KNOX CO., Inc.

By Mrs. Chas. B. Knox.

## EDGEWOOD FARM C. M. KING & CO.

Shushan, N. Y., Feb. 1, 1916.

Mr. H. C. Simmons,  
No. Bennington, Vt.,

Dear Sir:—

Send packing for damper regulator. This heating apparatus is immense. Like it better every year I use it.

Yours truly,

CHAS. M. KING

## VOTERS DISQUALIFIED

Must Have Paid Taxes Says Attorney General Barber.

Essex Junction, Feb. 17.—In an opinion, which reached the office of Secretary of State Guy W. Bailey this afternoon, Attorney General Herbert G. Barber of Brattleboro so construes the acts of 1915 that probably thousands of voters have been disqualified from exercising the franchise in the coming town meetings because of delinquency in paying taxes.

The attorney general's decision will prevent all who did not pay their taxes on or before February 15 from voting on state issues which will include this year two highly important matters, the referendums on the primary and liquor questions.

The attorney general's letter to Secretary of State Bailey is as follows:

"Your letter of recent date, in reference to voting at the next annual town meetings under No. 4 of the Acts of 1915 and No. 171 of the Acts of 1915, and submitting divers questions and requesting that I advise you concerning your duties in connection therewith, is received. I will answer the inquiries submitted in the order they appear in your letter:

"First and Second.—The first and second questions, I answer in the affirmative, predicated my answers upon Sections 33 of No. 4 and Section 59 of No. 171 of the Acts of 1915, respectively, which sections are identical and clearly provide that all regulations provided by law for conducting general elections shall be applicable to the votes provided for in this act; third, if the returns appear to be regular, meeting every requirement of Section 35 of No. 4 and Section 61 of No. 171 of the Acts of 1915, respectively, then it would be your duty to accept such returns and canvass the votes accordingly.

"The statutes will not permit you to go back of the returns for the purpose of determining whether a check list was used or not, or to determine any other irregularity. Town clerks are not required to certify whether a check list was or was not used, but are only required to make a return of the votes. For the purpose of voting under the two acts, above referred to, the law contemplates the use of a check list. No. 111 of the Acts of 1915 defines who are qualified to vote in annual town meetings and clearly provides that a male citizen, 21 years of age, who has taken the freeman's oath and where list, including a poll is taken in a town at the annual assessment, preceding a town meeting, and whose tax or taxes, due such town were paid prior to the 15th day of February, preceding such town

meeting, is qualified to vote.

"If one has omitted to pay his taxes in accordance with the provisions of this act he would not be a legal voter in such meeting and therefore would not have a right to vote upon either of the two acts above referred to."

## SOME EARLY HISTORY

Data Compiled by Col. Kittredge Haskins of Brattleboro.

Col. Kittredge Haskins has compiled for the Brattleboro Reformer a list of the names of the men who have represented the town in the legislature since 1780. Col. Haskins' introductory article which precedes the list of names contains some interesting facts relative to the early history of the state and is reproduced below:

"During the early struggle of the inhabitants of the New Hampshire Grants, now the state of Vermont, with the state of New York, which claimed jurisdiction to the Connecticut river, the inhabitants of Brattleboro were strong adherents of the state of New York and did not send delegates to any of the early conventions held for the purpose of providing measures looking towards the formation of a new and independent state until that held at Windsor, June 4, 1777, when it was resolved that the 'District of land commonly called the New Hampshire Grants be a new and separate state to be known by the name of Vermont.' This convention was composed of 72 delegates, Brattleboro being represented by Lieut. Israel Smith who was the only member of the convention to vote against the resolution, and in doing so he, no doubt, correctly voiced the opinions of his constituents, for April 11, 1778, the voters of Brattleboro took action on the proposition for forming a new state with the following result, viz: 'Number of voters who dissent from the pretended state of Vermont 165. Number who are for Vermont 17.' It ought to be stated here, however, that at that time every town in what is now Windham county had many prominent men who were opposed to forming a new state, for the reason, as has been claimed by their descendants, that it would be more to the interest and advantage of the inhabitants to be citizens of a large state like that of New York.

"The constitution of the new state of Vermont was adopted by a convention of delegates assembled at Windsor July 28, 1777. Brattleboro being unrepresented. Three sessions of the legislature were held in 1778 and three in 1779, but it was not until the session of 1780 that Brattleboro sent a representative. The following is a list of persons who have represented Brattleboro from 1780 to the present

time, the year when elected, year of their birth, year of death of such as have deceased, and age at decease.

Israel Smith was the father of the wife of Rutherford Hayes, the grand father of ex-President Rutherford B. Hayes. He removed to Jericho, now the town of Bainbridge, N. Y., about 1790. June 20, 1796 he conveyed to the selectmen of Brattleboro 30 rods of land for a burial ground, it being the one in the meadow near the dwelling house of Mrs. William H. Bigelow in West Brattleboro. He died in Bainbridge June 7, 1811, and is buried in the old Colonial cemetery in the town of Sidney, N. Y. In 1786 the state of New York granted an entire township, comprising about 48,000 acres, in what is now the town of Bainbridge and allotted the lands to Israel Smith, Timothy Church, Rutherford Hayes and more than one hundred others of the inhabitants of the New Hampshire Grants, and in what is now Windham county, to recompense them for their losses and sufferings by reason of their adherence to the state of New York, and many of them emigrated thereto. All of these early representatives, down to and including Samuel Warriner, were at one time adherents of New York and opposed to the formation of the new state of Vermont, but were finally compelled, by force of circumstances, to acknowledge the authority of Vermont. Samuel Wells, however, remained a Loyalist to the last and in 1783 fled to Canada but later returned and died here Aug. 6, 1786, leaving five sons and six daughters, to each of whom the government of Great Britain granted 1,200 acres of land in Canada as a compensation for the losses suffered by their father on account of his adherence to the King during the Revolution; they all removed to Canada between the years 1798 and 1802. Gardner Chandler removed to Hinsdale, N. H., and died there; Gen. Jonas Mann removed to Syracuse, N. Y., where he died; a daughter of his married Gen. Randolph B. Marcy, U. S. A., whose daughter married Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan, U. S. A., some time the commander of the Army of the Potomac during the Civil war; Calvin Townsley and George B. Kellogg died in the city of St. Louis, Mo.; John R. Blake died in the city of Boston, Mass.; Roswell Hunt died in Elmira, N. Y.; Silas M. Waite died in Omaha, Neb., and William H. Rockwell died in the city of New York.

## FERTILE ALASKA.

Uncle Sam's Big North Farm and Its Great Possibilities.

Alaska is an unknown world as to its farming resources. I stood on the hills near Fairbanks and looked over a million or so of acres of tillable soil in the Tanana valley. The whole territory is said to have 50,000,000 acres of possible farm lands, and the Aleutian islands will feed thousands of cattle. Here and there I visited the homesteaders, and I stopped for some time at all of Uncle Sam's experimental farms. Upon one of them the grain which stood in the fields reached to the height of my head, and I saw them growing oats, barley and hay and even alfalfa. I saw potato patches that were yielding four tons to the acre and one potato field, which I was told, had a crop in the ground that will sell for \$10,000.

Another surprise was the wild berries that grow all over Alaska and another the wild flowers that make the sides of the hills and the lower slopes of the mountain blazes of color. I found plenty of grass everywhere, and in places the weeds were as high as my head. I saw fat stock on the homesteads of the Tanana valley and visited dairies which were supplying butter and milk to the towns and mining camps near by. The Aleutian islands have a climate milder than Scotland, and on the island of Kodiak, which is as big as Porto Rico, they are now raising Galloway cattle and long woolled sheep.—Cor. of Christian Herald.

## ALL WRONG

The Mistake is Made by Many Bennington Citizens.

Look for the cause of backache. To be cured you must know the cause.

If it's weak kidneys you must set the kidneys working right. A Bennington resident tells you how.

P. J. McGuire, 211 Maple St., Bennington, says: "For some time, I suffered from dull, heavy pains in the small of my back and was unable to stoop without a great deal of misery. The trouble was generally worse in damp weather or when I caught cold. I heard a great deal about Doan's Kidney Pills and finally procured a box at Cole's Drug Store and began using them. In a few days, I felt better and after I had finished one box, my back was free from pain and the other symptoms of the trouble became a thing of the past. Kidney trouble and I have been strangers since Doan's Kidney Pills cured me."

OVER FIVE YEARS LATER, Mr. McGuire said: "I will always be grateful to Doan's Kidney Pills and will recommend them whenever an opportunity offers, for I feel they have no equal."

Price 50c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. McGuire has twice publicly recommended. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

The report that Harrison I. Norton will sing at the Knights of Columbus Minstrels is not true, but if you will look at his advertisement on the Minstre Program you will find that every word of it is true as any one who has had a loss in any of his companies will testify.

# HARRISON I. NORTON

TELEPHONE 194-W

## AUCTION SALE!

The administrators of the estate of John T. Cane will sell at Public Auction on the home farm in the west part of the Town of Bennington, known as the Patrick Cane farm, on

**TUESDAY, FEB. 29, 1916**

at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, all of the real estate and personal property of the said estate consisting of the

## Home Farm

of about 91 acres with the buildings thereon standing, together with all the farming implements.

40 bushels Potatoes

300 bushels Oats

9 bushels Turnips

50 head Cattle

30 bushels Buckwheat

100 bushels Corn on ear, and a quantity seed corn

Black mare 9 yrs. old, weight 1300 lbs.

Dapple gray mare 10 yrs. old, weight 1200 lbs., work well together

Five year old cow with calf

Four-year old cow with calf

Two-year old heifer with calf

20 tons Hay, quantity oat straw

Side spring Buggy

Side bar Buggy

Corn Sheller, nearly new

2 hoats Hay Rack

Farm Wagon with box and side boards

Wood Mowing Machine, 5 feet cut, nearly new

Yankee Rake, nearly new

2 Traverses Sleigh, Wood Rack

Cutter, 2 single harness

Set Double harness

Buffalo Robe, Heavy Robe

Fly Blanket, 2 Carriage Blankets

Oven Side-hill Plow, nearly new

2 Spring-tooth Harrows, 2 Discs

2 Grindstones, Hay Kettle, 1920

Grain Cradle, Grain Horse, 20

28 ft. Ladder, nearly new

shovel Plow, 2 Barley Forks

2 Iron Kettles of 150 lbs. each

30 Grain Bags, Measures

Waskets, Scoop Shovel

Platform Scales, Scythes

35 lbs. Clover Seed, Bush Hay, 1

Chairs, Forks, Hoes, Shovels, and other tools too numerous to mention

## Household furnishings

Parlor Set, Parlor Stove, 5000

Kitchen Range, Dining Table, 10

Kitchen Table, 1 Ton Coal, 15000

Five gallon Curn, 2000

3 Beds and Bedding, Bureau

Dressers, Chairs, 2 Stands, 1

Looking Glasses, Carpets

Mattings, Clothes Winger

Dishes, Cooking Utensils

100 lb. Salt Pork, Hams and Shoulders and other household furnishings

This sale is by order of the Probate Court to close up the said estate

## TERMS CASH

All articles to be paid for before removed from the premises

**JOHN CRAVEN,**

**WILLIAM J. GIBNEY,**

Administrators.

**JOHN HUNTINGTON,**

Auctioneer.

## Children Ory

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Now is a good time to get your clothes fixed up. New French Dry Cleaning method.

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